

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 1, with the following amended paragraph:

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Just like the computer, the Internet is organized. By keeping statistical information on each user, as well as on similar products and services, the Internet maybe organized much like the filing cabinet. This statistical information is kept in several ways. Some web servers keep statistical information, while others keep logs from which statistical information ~~[[is]]~~ may be gathered, while still others provide scripts attached to web pages that gather statistical information. This statistical information may include user information, user password, number of visits by user, user preferences (if any), and other such personal information. This statistical information may be stored at a centralized location much the same way as the file server of an inter-office network.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 14, with the following amended paragraph:

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One or more embodiments of the present invention comprise the steps of identifying the differences between ~~[[a]]~~ old and new database models, abstractly representing the data with the help of views (views are a meaningful compilation of the data in a database which could be in the form of tables, indices, numerical values, or other symbols), writing scripts, which include writing functions to correct data format (for example, long character strings and special characters) conversion, building temporary tables to map old values to new, extracting data from the old database by way of insert statements to the new database (these scripts are loaded in a test area where the sample database is tested), and testing the new database.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 15, line 6, with the following amended paragraph:

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Figure 6 is a flowchart which shows the creation of a test area according to an embodiment of the present invention. At step 600, a database is chosen for migration. Next, at step 601, any differences between the old and new data model are checked. If any differences are found, then at step 602 they are identified. At step 603, views are defined after which the scripts mentioned at step 404 in Figure 4 (further broken up into 3 steps) are steps are executed, and include: writing functions to correct data format at step 604 (same as step 500 in Figure 5), building temporary tables to map old and new values at step 605 (same as step 501 in Figure 5), and extracting data from the old database by way of insert statements for the new database at step 606 (same as step 502 in Figure 5). A test area is created at step 607 where a copy of the sample or old database is brought in for the transfer. The testing is always performed on a copy of the sample database which is brought into the test area, while the original or first generation copy is left intact at the origin. The test area is usually also the place where the scripts along with their intended results are housed. Instructions for using the wrapper script are written at step 608, and the handoff to a DBA is completed at step 609. If at step 601 there are no data model differences between the old and new databases, then steps 608 and 609 are performed.